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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S AUGUST 12 ADDRESS

1. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS WAS FRONT-PAGE NEWS IN MAJOR CANADIAN DAILIES, AND EDITORIAL REACTION CONTINUES GENERALLY FAVORABLE. MOST EDITORIALS WELCOME TONE OF SPEECH. GLOBE AND MAIL: "MR. FORD MADE A LOW-KEY, STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENT OF BELIEF... DEVOID OF INNUENDO, VIELED THREATS, OR DISGUISED MEANINGS." OTTAWA CITIZEN: "PRESIDENT FORD HIT THE APPROPRIATE NOTE... HIS DEEPSEATED CONSERVATISM SHOWED IN HIS ANALYSIS OF THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ILLS... BUT HE WILL BREAK SHARPLY WITH THE ODIIOUS ASPECTS OF THE FORMER PRESIDENCY." CITIZEN ALSO PRAISED PRESIDENT'S PROMISE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH CONGRESS.

2. MOST EDITORIALS ATKE "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE CONCERNING PRESIDENT'S APPROACH TO INFLATION.

MONTREAL STAR: "HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN MAKING CLEAR HIS DETERMINATION AND RALLYING BIPARTISIAN SUPPORT. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POLICIES HE WILL PRODUCE REMAINS TO BE JUDGED." TORONTO STAR: "FORD EVIDENTLY INTENDS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT INFLATION, BUT HIS RIGHT

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INTENTIONS STILL HAVE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO CORRECT AND

EFFECTIVE ACTION."

3. THERE IS GENERAL PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT'S
REAFFIRMATION OF CONTINUITY OF FOREIGN POLICY. MONTREAL
STAR: "THE WESTERN WORLD HAS COME TO ACCEPT LEADERSHIP
FROM THE US, AND THE LATEST DECLARATION REAFFIRMS
WASHINGTON'S ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AWESOME ROLE."

4. PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD CONTINUES FRIENDLY,
AND EVEN EDITORIAL CARTOONS, WHICH OFTEN HARSH TOWARDS
U.S., HAVE BEEN GENERALLY AMICABLE.
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